

Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2019

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Mr. Korth called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M., May 20, 2019, at the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District Office.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Water District Pledge. “May we be responsible stewards of our natural resources.”
3. Roll Call – Gary Bellows, Terrell Graham, Carl Hummel and Wilfred Korth were present. Art Dohmann, Wesley Ball and Barbara Smith were absent.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Welcome Guest – Mr. Korth welcomed Heather Sumpter, General Manager for the District. The District’s field Tech joined the meeting a little later. Other guest that attended were Tina Shearman, and David Morgan.
5. Public Comment – Mr. David Morgan with NADA reported NADA applied for and received a grant. He presented a check to the District in the amount of \$2,500.00 on behalf of NADA to be used exclusively for the Texas Tech Recharge Study.

Consent Agenda Items

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors Held on April 15, 2019
7. Approval of Financial Report for April 2019
8. Approval of Employee Reimbursements & Directors Reimbursements
9. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Hummel made a motion to approve consent agenda items number 6-9. Employee Reimbursements included check to Leroy Mikeska for \$360.18 and Heather Sumpter \$200.00. Invoices included an invoice to Paulsgrove & Taylor for \$407.30 and Margaret Fisseler for \$4,500.00. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

10. Discussion and Action on Permit Renewals for Encina Ranch, Fred Boas, and Margaret Ara – Mr. Bellows made a motion to approve the permit renewal for Encina Ranch for a three-year period. Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Mr. Bellows made a motion to approve the permit renewal for Fred Boas for a three-year period. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Mr. Graham mad a motion to approve the permit renewal for Margaret Ara for a three-year period with the stipulation the well must be sealed or capped. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
11. Discussion and Action on Non-Compliance Permitted Wells for Not Reporting Annual Water Usage for 2018 on Permits 79-14-P-0009 Lavern Meyer, 79-23, 79-12-P-0094 Carter Bruce – Ms. Sumpter reported that 2018 Annual Water Reporting have still not been returned from Lavern Meyer permit no. 79-12-P-0009 and Carter Bruce permit no. 79-12-P-0094, after multiple attempts of letters, emails and phone calls. Ms. Sumpter recommend the Board give approval to have the District’s counsel send a letter to the landowners. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
12. Discussion and Action on Texas Tech Recharge Study Contract – Ms. Sumpter reported the contract for the Recharge Study will expire on May 31, 2019. Ms. Sumpter recommended approval for another no cost extension with the current contract until September 30, 2019, if Texas Tech is in agreement. Mr. Graham made a motion to allow Ms. Sumpter to work with TTU to extend the

- District's Recharge Study contract with a no cost extension until the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Bellows seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
13. Discussion and Action on Aquifer Evaluations Services and Interlocal Agreement with Victoria County Groundwater Conservation District. – Ms. Sumpter reported at the last board meeting the board asked her to speak to Pecan Valley and Evergreen GCD's for their position on participation and cost sharing in the services. Ms. Sumpter reports both of these Districts are not interested. The Board of Directors discussed the interest for the District for participation on services and charged Ms. Sumpter with discussing the interest with VCGCD. No action was taken and item will be included in future agendas for further discussion.
 14. Discussion and Action on Request for Proposals Relating to Audit Services – Ms. Sumpter reported RFP proposals will be sent out for annual audit services at the beginning of June. Ms. Sumpter asked the board for input for any CPA's that they may want to include to receive a letter requesting proposal. Ms. Sumpter will check with other GCD's on their audit service.
 15. Discussion and Action on S.B. No. 29 – Relating to Expenditures for Lobbying Activities Made by Certain Entities. – Ms. Sumpter reported this bill would prohibit the use of District funds to influence legislation related to 1) taxes, 2) bond elections, 3) tax-supported debt, and 4) ethics and transparency of public servants. District funds could not be used to pay dues to any association or any lobbyist that attempted to influence legislation in these areas and could not be used to pay expenses for district officers to come to Austin on these matters. The board determined that no action will be taken on this matter given the legislature session will end at the end of May.
 16. General Manager Report – Ms. Sumpter reported she has communicated to Mr. Keester with LRE the projected pumping for different aquifers that will be included in model scenarios. A spread sheet was provided to the board of the breakdown of the wells and aquifers that were included. Ms. Sumpter reported she attended VCGCD rules hearing that included new brackish water permitting and discussed some points that were discussed at the hearing. Ms. Sumpter also reported brackish water management strategies that were discussed at Region L meeting that included Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District.
Ms. Sumpter delivered Annual Audit final copies to the board.
 17. Field Tech Report – Mr. Mikeska reported water level monitoring was currently being conducted and should be complete this week or next. He also reported there were 12 exempt new water wells located this last month.
 18. Discussion on Upcoming Meetings and Meetings Attended – Ms. Sumpter and Mr. Mikeska attended water fest for the Goliad third graders on May 16th to teach them about water wells.
 19. Items for Future Consideration / Topics for Next Meeting – Recharge Study, Aquifer Evaluation Services, Non-Compliance Permit Wells
 20. Public Comments – Mr. David Morgan made comment Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District's Governor Appointee Jason Peeler resigned from the Board of Directors.
 21. Adjourn – Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hummel seconded and the motion passed 4-0.